

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
November 12, 2008
3:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Robert B. Davis
Edward F. Gorham

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Janet M. Richards, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Michael Carrie, Randolph Budget Committee

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. Bob presented the Board with minutes of a meeting he attended last week with Earth Tech and the USDA regarding obtaining grants for the upcoming sewer project. Minutes were taken by Bob. They will be sent to Peter Coughlan for publication on the town website.

Edward Gorham made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2008 Board of Selectmen meeting and the minutes from the meeting with Earth Tech and USDA. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE UNANIMOUS.**

Bob presented a **Corrected Agreement for Professional Services from Earth Tech.** The letter explained that in preparing a letter to John True (Maine DEP) to release CSO Planning Grant Funds for the Town there was an error discovered. Errors were corrected (transposed figures) and signatures from the Town Selectboard were required. Bob and Ed signed the corrected agreement which will be sent back to Earth Tech for their signature. The town will receive a copy of the executed agreement after Earth Tech signs it.

History of when the Town of Randolph was incorporated was given to the Board by Ed Gorham. Bob said that he believes this will be sufficient for the USDA in the application process for grants.

Bob Davis presented a response to the Randolph Budget Committee members regarding the Budget Committee members attending the BOS meetings. This will be sent to all Budget Committee members by US mail.

“Park & Ride” lot was discussed again. Bob Davis said that he had talked with Bob St. Pierre and that he feels that this was not given to the Town by the State but given by a private person and then the State took this over and has been plowing it etc. Bob Davis said this will have to be discussed further as to the Town of Randolph selling it down the road and will probably need public input. This issue will be put on the agenda for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

At 3:30 Michael Carrie, Co-Chairman of the Randolph Budget Committee entered the meeting for the purpose of discussion of putting budgetary reports on the website. Mike stated that he felt that maybe we could put monthly reports on the site to be pro-active and have the information “out there” for the public to see. Mike mentioned having information such as how much money

is appropriated to certain accounts and how it is being spent etc. Bob Davis said that Michael should meet with Janet Richards, Treasurer as to what reports can be public and come back to the next meeting with a sample of what he would like to have on the website. Ed Gorham discussed what items may be private, such as salaries. Mike said he will try to make it to the next meeting.

Another issue that Mike brought up was the street lights in town and the possibility of checking into changing the light bulbs to cost effective LED lights. He had been discussing this with Peter Coughlan and the possible cost savings to the town as we pay for the lights. The Board asked Mike to get more information on it.

Letter to the Budget Committee from the Board of Selectmen was given to Mike Carrie. Mike explained that the Budget Committee had concerns with the furnace issue which appeared in the Kennebec Journal recently. While the Committee had no problems with the BOS and John Crocker saving the town money in not replacing the furnace, they also had legal concerns with the fact that the warrant article for the furnace voted on at the annual town meeting clearly stated replacing the current furnace. Bob Davis discussed that Peter Coughlan had been discussing this issue with Will Livengood an attorney at Maine Municipal Association and this will definitely be discussed further at a future meeting but that the BOS was comfortable with the decisions made. Michael Carrie left the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

Bob Davis stated that he would like to talk to Will Livengood at MMA regarding the “furnace issue”. Ed Gorham said he had no problem with Bob talking to the attorney.

PER 1 MRSA 405(6)(F) – Ed Gorham made a motion to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 3:55 p.m.** with Tax Collector Janet Richards. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE - UNANIMOUS.**

Board returned from Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.

Janet Richards reported to the Board that she had received a phone call from **Al Hodsdon (A.E. HODSDON)**. He was inquiring about the Sewer Project with Earth Tech and asked if the Town needed anything from him or his office to help the project along. He also asked the status of his outstanding bill. Bob Davis said that John Larouche, attorney for the town had called Al and asked for a “detailed” bill. Janet said that she was in possession of a “detailed” bill and had had this bill all along. Janet said she was not comfortable having a bill of that size outstanding Bob Davis said he is waiting to hear from Attorney Larouche.

Schedule of upcoming BOS meetings was discussed. Meetings will be as follows: Tuesday, November 25, 2008, Tuesday, December 9th & December 23rd. All meetings are scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

Ed Gorham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Davis seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk